

11. A generally blade-shaped device for use in stabilizing vehicles such as boats and other water craft, said device comprising at least one generally blade-shaped extension having a top edge, a bottom edge, a proximal end and a distal end, and two stabilizing surfaces; a connecting means to attach said proximal end to said vehicle; a restraining means at an attachment point on said stabilizing device and at an attachment point on said vehicle such that the downward range of motion of said stabilizing device is limited to a maximum desired downward angle.
12. The device of claim 11 wherein said top edge and said bottom edge narrow in the direction from said proximal end towards said distal end.

ABSTRACT

A device for stabilizing boats and other water craft that is generally blade-shaped and attaches to the body or hull of the boat. The stabilizing device projects generally outwardly and downwardly from the boat and is pivotally connected along the vertical axis at the attachment point to the water craft. The device improves the stability of the boat and resists unwanted drift either from a stationary position or from a desired heading.